

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (*Currently Amended*) A contents supplying system comprising:

a contents supplying server apparatus that supplies contents for downloading via a communication network; and

a plurality of information processing terminals ~~for at least one~~ associated with a user, the contents from the contents supplying server apparatus being downloadable to each information processing terminal ~~from the contents supplying server apparatus~~ via a communication network, wherein the contents supplying server apparatus comprises:

a server storing device for storing, together with numerous contents, user information ~~for each the user~~, including user ID information representing a plurality of information processing terminals ~~belonging to one~~ associated with the user ~~from among the at least one user~~ and contents purchase information comprising contents ID information and copy control data, wherein the copy control data includes a total number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to an external apparatus or recording medium; and

a server controlling section that at least (a) supplies, via downloading, the contents to each of the information processing terminals associated with the user, and (b), in response to a copy permission request from [[a]] the user via one of the information processing terminals:

~~copies the downloaded contents from one of the information processing terminals to the external apparatus or recording medium,~~

~~reads out the copy control data of the requested downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server storing device,~~

~~supplies the copy control data of the user to the one information processing terminal, and~~

~~amends the stored copy control data of the user corresponding to the copy permission request,~~

~~decrements the total number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied from any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one~~ associated with the user, and

~~supplies the downloaded contents, which have been previously downloaded by the one user, without executing a fee-charging process, to any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one user, if the number of times the previously downloaded contents have been copied does not exceed the total number of times allowed to be copied,~~

wherein each of the information processing terminals comprises:

- a terminal storing device for storing the downloaded contents from the contents supplying server apparatus; and
- a sending section for sending to the contents supplying server apparatus a copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium.

2-3. *(Canceled)*

4. *(Previously Presented)* The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein said server storing device stores an initial value of the copy control data, contents by contents.

5. *(Previously Presented)* The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein said contents are music data.

6. *(Currently Amended)* The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein each of the information processing terminals further comprises:

- a receiving section for receiving the copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the contents supplying server apparatus; and

- a terminal controlling section for determining whether or not to copy the downloaded contents into the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.

7. *(Canceled)*

8. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 6, wherein said contents are music data.

9. (*Currently Amended*) A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a contents supplying system comprising a contents supplying server apparatus that supplies contents for downloading, and a plurality of information processing terminals ~~for at least one~~ associated with a user, the contents from the contents supplying server apparatus being downloadable to each information processing terminal from the contents supplying server apparatus, the contents supplying server apparatus including a server storing device for storing, together with numerous contents, user information ~~for each the user~~, including user ID information representing the information processing terminals ~~belonging to one~~ associated with the user from among the at least one user and contents purchase information comprising contents ID information and copy control data, wherein the copy control data includes a total number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to an external apparatus or recording medium, and the contents supplying server apparatus having a server controlling section, and the information processing terminals each having a terminal storing device, the computer program including instructions for:

controlling the server controlling section to at least (a) supply, via downloading, the contents to each of the information processing terminals associated with the user, and (b), in response to a copy permission request from the one user via one of the information processing terminals:

~~copy the downloaded contents from one of the information processing terminals to the external apparatus or recording medium,~~

~~read out the copy control data of the requested downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server storing device,~~

supply the copy control data of the user to the one information processing terminal, and

~~amend the stored copy control data of the user corresponding to the copy permission request,~~

decrement the total number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied from any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one associated with the user, and

~~supply the downloaded contents, which have been previously downloaded by the one user, without executing a fee-charging process, to any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one user, if the number of times the previously downloaded contents have been copied does not exceed the total number of times allowed to be copied;~~

storing the downloaded contents from the contents supplying server apparatus in the terminal storing devices of the information processing terminals;

sending to the contents supplying server apparatus, from any of the information processing terminals, the copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to any external apparatus or recording medium.

10. *(Canceled)*

11. *(Previously Presented)* The non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein said contents are music data.

12. *(Currently Amended)* The ~~non-transitory~~ contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

13. *(Previously Presented)* The contents information processing terminal according to claim 6, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

14. *(Previously Presented)* The non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

15. *(Currently Amended)* The non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein the computer program further includes instructions for each of the information processing terminals to:

receive the copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the contents supplying server apparatus; and

determine whether or not to copy the downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.